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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production Forecast down 12 percent from 2016

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 21.5 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2017 according to the Tennessee field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2017 would be down 12 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and was unchanged from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 73.0 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from 2016 and unchanged bushels from the May 1 forecast. Farmers seeded 390,000 acres last fall with 295,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 95,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, up slightly from the May 1 forecast and down 25 percent from 2016. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 48.9 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushels from last month and down 6.4 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.6 million acres, down 15 percent from last year.